A desert landscape at sunset. In the foreground, there is a large, flat-topped cholla cactus. To the right, a tall saguaro cactus stands prominently. The background shows a range of mountains under a sky with soft, golden light from the setting sun. The overall scene is a mix of green and brown tones, with the warm light of the sunset creating a serene atmosphere.

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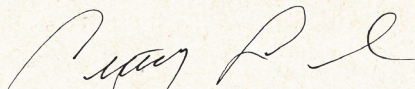
to the 2021 Virtual Desert Gala!

Thank you for your incredible support and for joining us online this year!

Although the Gala looks a bit different this year, we are very excited to connect with you virtually. The COVID-19 pandemic has really taken a toll on us all. The Desert Museum has had millions in losses, but it is the support of you - our community - that has really helped to keep us strong. The Gala is traditionally the Museum's largest fundraiser, and we are proud to continue the 28th annual event online.

This year's theme of *Reconnecting - Back to Nature* is one that resonates well, after a long year of limited social interactions, division, and physical distancing. The Desert Museum, and nature in general, is a place for solace, peace, and healing in the chaos of the recent times. **We hope you become inspired to get outdoors!**

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